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### **New, Renewal Commercial Driver License Applicants Advised to Apply at DL Examining Offices**

As the result of federal regulations, applicants for new or renewal commercial driver licenses in Alabama must apply at driver license examining offices rather than at probate judge or license commissioner offices. Only Department of Public Safety driver license examining offices are able to conduct the 10-year driver history check mandated by the Motor Carrier Safety Improvement Act of 1999.

The license check provides driver record information for a 10-year period from all states where a commercial driver has been licensed. "This helps ensure applicants are eligible for a commercial license," said Col. J. Christopher Murphy, Department of Public Safety director. Murphy said there is no additional fee associated with the federal license check.

The Motor Carrier Safety Improvement Act of 1999 requires that commercial drivers nationwide must undergo a one-time, 10-year driver history check upon initial application for a CDL or when renewing. In Alabama, only Department of Public Safety driver license examining offices have the capability of running those checks through the National Driver Registry. Once commercial drivers have fulfilled the driver check requirement, they may obtain subsequent renewals at probate judge or license commissioner offices.

A list of driver license examining offices in Alabama is available on the Department of Public Safety's Web site, <http://www.dps.alabama.gov>, under the Driver License Division link.

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